

# Letter: Save Stony Creek

**EDITOR:**

IT COMES as a great shock to me that the Pennsylvania Game Commission has decided to sell-out, indeed, to destroy the beautiful wilderness area of Stony Creek Valley in Dauphin County through the exchange of lands with Pennsylvania Power and Light Co.

There is no place near Harrisburg which quite equals this luxuriant valley in its magnificent, untouched natural beauty and in its richness of plant and animal species. The proposed hydroelectric dam will irreversibly alter the fragile ecological balance which is maintained in the valley by nature. I am convinced that the destruction of Stony Creek will be viewed by our children as a criminal act on the part of their elders, for it will deprive them of something that man cannot furnish and cannot improve upon: that awesome feeling of peace and still beauty which one necessarily feels

while walking in this green forest valley.

The Game Commission has the responsibility to protect our natural areas, not only for the purposes of game propagation, but for all the people who would enjoy the untouched serenity only found in nature. Through political acts such as the proposed dam, the Game Commissioners are gravely neglecting their responsibilities as public servants and as human beings.

I STRONGLY urge you to reconsider our land in terms of its delicate ecology. We

cannot continue to dam rivers and flood and pollute and defoliate without facing serious consequences for the future. I seriously doubt the ethical values of our ruling class if they permit the execution of the Stony Creek dam, for this to me is a clear sign of a very sick society. I urge you to seek an end to this deed before we all feel the shame and the guilt of your inaction. Our wilderness areas lie at the mercy of corrupt minds who would only gratify their own selfish interests and not those of all humanity.

Please go to Stony Creek that you may witness its worth, its beauty. This is the last place. There is nowhere else to go.

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